From Our Readers

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No time to place blame on race

To the Editor:

The letter of April 22 from Mrs. John Flinn ("They must learn to take care of property") gives support to the narrow point of view of many of our citizens when it comes to discussing human relations.

Mrs. Flinn seems to be unaware of the facts, that we the citizens of Vancouver, Wash., have seen lynchings and riots also. And we are tired of both.

It seems to me that she is more interested in justifying the evils of hate than in correcting the situations which make and perpetuate the dehumanizing of people.

Yes, there is residential blight caused by individuals of each race, but this doesn't justify hate and human blight. One doesn't have to go to California to see residential and human blight. Mrs. Flinn could go just a few blocks in any direction from where she lives and find people of all races who have just as high regard for law as she has and who have a higher regard for the rights of others than she now exhibits.

Japanese and black people hve no priority on things to be ashamed of. In fact, they have less to be ashamed of than those individuals who impose their hate, prejudice and ignorance on persons in an effort to maintain or perpetuate present evils.

No race has anything to live down and most especially the Japanese. We have all contributed good and evil. There is no time to try to place the blame. Let's correct the injustices. I do hope that Mrs. Flinn and Mr. Bond (reference is to an earlier letter) won't say, "I'm blind, therefore I cannot learn!" — **David L. Baugh, 5701 Arizona Dr., Vancouver, Wash.**